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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. Copies of U.S. patent documents are not enclosed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a) as revised September, 2004 and pursuant to the waiver published at 1287 OG 163 (October, 2004).

Japan 57-8520
Japan 3-154019
Japan 5-260267
Japan 2001-305471

These documents were cited during prosecution of a PCT patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the International Search Report was filed concurrently with the filing of the subject application.

English language abstracts for each of the above-cited Japanese references are enclosed. In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent 4,317,611 is an English language counterpart to Japan 57-8520, and that U.S. Patent 5,247,384 is an English language counterpart to Japan 3-154019. Those U.S. patents are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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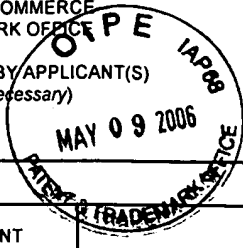
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